

regulations and shall be made public prior to such time as provided herein. Such orders, rules and regulations may be amended, modified or rescinded, in like manner, from time to time by the Governor throughout the duration of the emergency, but in any event shall cease to be in effect upon a declaration by the Governor that the emergency no longer exists.

(d) When the Governor has issued a proclamation declaring that a state of emergency exists, it shall be the duty of all the law enforcement bodies, fire companies and rescue squads of this State, whether State, county, city or municipal, to cooperate in any manner requested by the Governor or his designated representative. It shall also be their duty to allow the use of such equipment, facilities, and manpower as they may possess when the use is required by the Governor or his designated representative, provided that such use shall not substantially interfere with the normal duties of the law enforcement agency, fire company, or rescue squad if the agency, fire company or rescue squad is not located within an area designated by the Governor as an emergency area. Upon the issuance by the Governor of a proclamation reciting a state of emergency, the DEPARTMENT OF State Police shall be empowered to take any action they deem necessary in the assistance of local police. Except as provided in subsection (e) hereof, all State, county, city and municipal law enforcement officials, fire companies and rescue squads within an emergency area shall operate under the direction of the person or persons designated by an order to that effect by the Governor. It shall be the duty of any county, city or municipal law enforcement agency to notify the [Superintendent] SECRETARY of the [Maryland] State Police in the event the local agency receives notice of any threatened or actual disturbance which indicates the possibility of serious domestic violence.

(e) After the issuance of a proclamation by the Governor that an emergency situation exists, the militia forces may be called into action by the Governor, and the militia forces shall have full power and responsibility for the area designated by the Governor as an emergency area, and all fire companies, rescue squads, police forces and police officials in the designated area, including the DEPARTMENT OF State Police, shall cooperate with the militia forces and operate under their direction. The chief executive officer of any county, city, or municipality, or any governing body thereof, may request the Governor to provide militia forces to help bring under control conditions then existing within their jurisdiction with which, in their judgment, their law enforcement agencies cannot cope without additional personnel.

DRAFTER'S NOTE:

Subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this section are amended to reflect the establishment of the Department of State Police as a principal department of State government by Chs. 165 and 166, Acts of 1994, to reflect the status of the head of the Department as a Secretary of a principal department of State government, and to delete surplus language.

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(c) The DEPARTMENT OF [Maryland] State Police shall be a principal department of the State government, as established under Article 88B of the Code.